Cag's Report on Train Accidents

521. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 14000 accidents from 1993-94 to 1997-98, the Railway Board reported only 2187 accidents to Parliament, as per report submitted by C.A.G. for the year ending 1998; and

(b) if so, whether responsibility in this regard has since been fixed and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The accidents statistics which is being presented to Parliament pertains to consequential train accidents only. During the period 1993-94 to 1997-98 only 2196 consequential train accident were reported on Indian Railway including Konkan Railway.

(b) The consequential train accident includes collision, derailment, level crossing accident and fire in train. These accidents may have serious repercussion in terms of casualty or/ and loss to Railway property. As per definition of accident even cattle run over cases and engine failures are termed as accidents. Various types of accidents are reported to different levels depending upon their seriousness. Yard derailments etc. are reported only up to the level of divisions. Smaller accidents not having serious repercussions are reported only up to the level to Zonal Railways. It is a matter of reporting at different levels for different accidents depending on their seriousness. Although minor accidents are not reported to Railway Board but the fact remains that Railways follow-up each and every accident case.

Gauge Conversion in Gujarat

522. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: (a) whether the Gujarat Government has sent any proposal for conversion of MG/NG line to Broad gauge;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Dahinsara-Maliya-Miyana, Ahmedabad-Himatnagar, Surendranagar-Bhavnagar-Dhola Dhasa-Mahuva upto Pipavav and Wankaner-Maliya-Miyana rail lines were included in the proposal;

(d) if so, whether the work for conversion has been sanctioned; and

(e) by when the conversion work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The details are as under:—

Proposal	Status
1.Gauge conversion of Rajkot-Veravaland its extension upto Kodinar/Smonath	Work is in progress for Rajkot-Veraval portion. This work will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources. A survey for extension of line upto Kodinar/Smonath has already been completed and the survey report is under examination.
2. Gauge conversion of Surendranagar-Dhola-Dhasa-Mahuva with extension upto Pipavav	Work has been sanctioned. The work on long lead items such as major bridges, shifting of overhead crossings has been taken up. No target date has been fixed.
3. Gauge conversion of Viramgam-Mehsana (A part of Bhildi-Viramgam project)	Work has been sanctioned. Work is being progressed as per availability of resources. No target date has been fixed.
4. Gauge conversion of Mehsana-Patan (A part of Bhildi-Viramgam project)	Work on gauge conversion of Mahesana-Patan is being progressed as per availability of resources. Work of reconstruction of bridges in this section has already been completed. No target date has been fixed.
5. Gauge conversion of Navlakhi-Dahinsara, Morbi-Wankaner and Dahinsara-Maliya Miyana.	Work has been sanctioned. The first phase from Morbi to Maliya Miyana and Dahinsara-Navlakhi has been completed. The rest of the section is targeted to be completed by Dec'2000 subject to availability of resources.
6.Gauge conversion of Gandhidham-Bhuj-Nalia	Work on Candhidham-Bhuj is in progress and is targeted for completion by June'2000. Survey for gauge conversion of Bhuj-Nalia has already been completed and survey report is under examination.
7.Gauge conversion of Gandhidham-Samakhaili-Palanpur	Work has been included in the budget 1998-99 and will be taken up after obtaining the requisite clearances.
8. Gauge conversion of Dharangadhara-Kuda Salt siding.	Works has been included in the Supplementary Budget 1997-98. Work is being executed on cost sharing basis with the Government of Gujarat and Ministry of Industry and is targeted for completion by Dec'2000 subject to the balance amount from co-shares becoming available.

9. Gauge conversion of Bharuch-Samni-Dahej	Bharuch-Samni-Dahej has been covered in the proposed 3rd line from Ahmedabad to Virar for which survey report is under finalisation.
10. Gauge conversion of Ankleshwar-Rajpipla.	Surveys conducted in the past have revealed inadequate traffic prospects. As such, it has not been found possible to take up the work for the present.
11. Gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar.	A survey for gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur is already in progress. Further consideration of the project would be possible once the survey report becomes available.
12. Gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Vijapur	In view of the having throwforward for gauge conversion project, there is no proposal for gauge conversion of this section at present.
13. Gauge conversion of Dabhoi-Miyagam	Survey for gauge conversion of this line has already been completed as an alternative line of the proposed alignment for 3rd line between Virar-Ahmedabad. However, this line could not be considered as part of 3rd line as the alignments on western side of Virar-Ahmedabad BG line has been found most suitable for the 3rd line on operational consideration.
14. Gauge conversion of Chhotaudepur-Pratapnagar	A survey for gauge conversion of this line is already in progress. Further consideration of this project would be possible once the survey report becomes available.

Rail line between Kumar-Ghat and Agartala

523. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether work of extension of rail line between Kumar-Ghat and Agartala has commenced;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether the work is progressing as per the schedule?